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**MARLIN OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY** was Laurie Hunt with 16 points. Congratulations Laurie. Julie O'Connor was close behind with 14 points and a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> with Pam Walker and Doug McLean on 12 points.

### **COMING EVENTS**

- 10<sup>th</sup> March - Barrett Bunbury Swim 1.6km [williambarrettsons@bigpond.com](mailto:williambarrettsons@bigpond.com)
- 11<sup>th</sup> March - Coogee Jetty to Jetty 750m/1.5km [www.spearwoodaussi.org.au](http://www.spearwoodaussi.org.au)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Geraldton Ocean Swim 1600m [ssmith@leoloid.wa.gov.au](mailto:ssmith@leoloid.wa.gov.au)
- 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May - AUSSI Masters National Swim in Darwin –  
[http://www.home.aussimasters.com.au/html/32nd\\_aussi\\_masters\\_national\\_sw.html](http://www.home.aussimasters.com.au/html/32nd_aussi_masters_national_sw.html)
- 23-26<sup>th</sup> Aug - Mildura Masters Games [a.erskine@hotkey.net.au](mailto:a.erskine@hotkey.net.au)
- 5-14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide [www.AustralasianMasters.com](http://www.AustralasianMasters.com)
- 5-13<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - Port Pirie State Masters Games [www.portpiriemastersgames.com](http://www.portpiriemastersgames.com)
- 17 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - World Masters Swim in Perth [www.2008finamasters.org](http://www.2008finamasters.org) for more details
- 10-18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009 - World Masters Games in Sydney

### **MELVILLE AQUATIC CENTRE 5<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OPEN DAY – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Our club will be participating in the celebrations between 12noon and 2pm by doing aerobic swims and having an information area for the public. It would be great if we could have a good turn up and just think of all the Aerobic swims you could do!!!

### **OUR OWN INTERCLUB SWIM `1<sup>st</sup> April**

Don't forget to keep this day free to come and support our club. We need everyone to swim if possible and also to help with the smooth running of the day. Please volunteer to help in any way you are able. If you have any suitable prizes for the raffle, and/or you have outside connections willing to donate something, all would be very welcome. Bring them along to club night. Jackie Smith is organising the catering and will be asking for members to make up plates of sandwiches – there will be a list at club.

### **COMMITTEE NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL RIVER SWIM**

Our BBB/Resolve river swim has been extremely well run and successful for 4 years because of the very efficient and hard working sub committee organising it with Bob Dunstan at the helm. Unfortunately Bob and several other members of this committee are unable to carry on with their positions, for very varied reasons, and so we need other club members, who are keen to keep the Swim going, to step forward and offer to help organise it for this year. We all know it is a big task and without a dedicated group of workers and a leader, the swim would not be able to go ahead. Please **contact President Noela or myself before 26<sup>th</sup> March if you are interested** as some of the planning and organisation needs to be done very soon. (This is all very well documented) It would be very sad to see it cancelled after all of the hard work that has been put into it over the years.

### **OFFICIALS COURSE – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March – from Gordon**

Masters Swimming in W.A. badly needs new officials especially with the World Swim coming up in Perth next year. Therefore the State Technical Committee is holding a course for new officials on Saturday 10 March. Because there was such a good response from this Club the course will be held at Melville Aquatic Centre. Enrolment forms have been given to most of those who have expressed an interest as follows: Rhonda, Ann, Ray, Alan, Ivan, Doug, Pam, Kristina, Julie, Noela, Nancy, Natalie, Larissa and Gail. If any of these haven't yet been given a form, I will have some on Thursday night. The program starts at 8.30am and will finish around 2pm.

After the course these people become trainees and will be required to attend interclub carnivals etc to gain experience before the big World Swim.

### **CHEESE & BICKIE ROSTER**

Lynne Alguire has made a roster for the first 6 months of the year. Please check the notice board to see when you are due to buy the cheese and bickies and set up and clear away on club night. If the dates next to your name don't suit you, please arrange to swap with someone else.

### **MEETING ROOM MUST BE LEFT CLEAN AND TIDY – AND VACATED BY 9PM**

The following was received from Peter Minchin, manager of Melville Aquatic Centre, by President Noela on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND TAKE NOTE!**

My staff have informed me that the meeting room was once again left extremely messy and unclean following the regular Thursday night booking Melville Aussi Masters have in the meeting room at the centre. As I have discussed in a previous email (see below) while we do have cleaners, all user groups are required to leave the room in a similar condition to which they found it. I am sure Melville Aussi would not be terribly impressed if user groups who have been in earlier during the day left the room in the same condition as it was found by our user groups early this morning. I have also been informed that it was 9.30pm before Melville Aussi left the centre last night. Besides the fact the centre's closing time is 9.00pm, the cleaners do not have enough time to clean the room prior to them finishing their shift.

Melville Aquatic Fitness Centre has endeavoured to provide a degree of flexibility in regards to the booking finish time however this goodwill is continually abused by the club. As mentioned in my previous email below, Melville Aussi will now be charged the commercial room hire rate of \$48 per hour for every 15 minutes or part thereof that the booking extends beyond 9.00pm. Should there be a future occasion in which the room is left in an unacceptable state, Melville Aussi will no longer be allowed to take food and drinks into the room. As I mentioned in my previous email, should the club have a special function such as an AGM alternative arrangements can be made however it is the responsibility of the club to advise the centre one week in advance of the function.

I look forward to a positive response from Melville Aussi.

\*\*\*Committee has decided to **begin the swims at 7.15pm on Thursday nights** – those unable to arrive that early may slot their cards in when they arrive and may need to swim in a later heat than they would normally. When doing this **PLEASE place your card in order, according to your swim times**, and not put it 'just anywhere' in the box, as the cards would have already been sorted by then.

\*\*\***A reminder** that each member is expected to **wash their own glass/cup and help clean up and put away afterwards** – this is **NOT** the duty of the person on Cheese & Bickie roster.

*Thank you very much for your kind cooperation, Thank you very much, Thank you very, very much* (apologies to Telethon!)

### **HEARTS GALORE DURING FEBRUARY FOR ST VALENTINE**

Our new Social organiser, Lynne Alguire, has started the year with a very loving 'heart'! At Hearty Meal night she presented the timekeepers with a Thank You card and gold heart chocolate (and she did this each week during the month) and the Captain and Secretary/Newsletter editor were given gold hearts as well. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week she gave hearts to everyone who attended training on Saturday or Wednesday and some hearts to our coach Gail. Week 3 was 'Come dressed in red or hearts for St Valentine's Day'. Lynne brought a lovely heart shaped cake she had baked, handed out more chocolate hearts to deserving people and also had a free raffle – Can you guess what the prizes were????(Larissa made us some tasty cup cakes topped with hearts as well.) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Lynne gave out even more hearts to people who have put an extra effort into helping our club run smoothly and happily, Thank you Lynne for all of the time and effort you spent on making February a very special month for us.

### **CLUB GOLF DAY - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Anne Hitchen and Nancy Davies are organising an Ambrose Golf Day for members and their family and friends at Fremantle, starting at 1.15pm. There is a list on the notice board for names, or get in touch with either Anne or Nancy. Entry \$20 plus \$14 club hire if needed. Please bring a plate of food for afternoon tea. Hot and cold drinks are available to buy. Come along for a lot of fun – you don't need to be a golfer to join in and play.

### **A VISIT FROM THE NEWLY WEDS**

We were thrilled to welcome Renee & Dave Goodall to club – hopefully they'll find time to rejoin our club again before too long.

### **BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

9 of our members swam – some doing duos and others solo. It was quite choppy at the end of the jetty but otherwise pleasant. There were about 900 swimmers taking part in the event.

### **LEIGHTON SWIM & MANDURAH CANAL SWIM – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February** (From Pam Walker)

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February I swam in the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leighton Surf Swim Challenge 1600m. Strong winds the night before stirred up the sea making it very choppy and the sky overcast. There must have been more than 400 swimmers taking part as I was No. 407. Something happened to the first wave which caused them to be called back and this must have affected the start for the next three waves. I was in the third wave and was still on my way out to the start with many others when we were told we had started! I found the swim very challenging, however, managed to finish. My granddaughter, Caitlyn, chose to make this swim her first ocean swim (apart from Coogee) as a 400m swim was also offered. She said she finished second but no prizes were offered. Also swimming the 400m was Rita Blom with her young granddaughter.

In contrast I went down to Mandurah the following day to swim in the Lane Ford Cambria Island Swim 2.4m. The sun was shining the water was calm and because this event was held earlier than in previous years the water temperature was warmer. It was well run with plenty of paddlers to stop us going into the wrong canal and it was quite strange swimming past huge multi million dollar houses and boats. With about 120 swimmers there were three waves and in this swim the slowest waves go off first with 5 minutes between each. I was about ¼ of the way before the first of the second wave swimmers caught me and about ½ way when the leaders of the first wave came racing past and left me in their wake.

**NOTE FROM ED.** Thanks for another great report Pam – you are a very busy lady!

Could other members PLEASE follow Pam's example and send reports to me about any swim you are involved in – not only is it interesting for us to read but is a record of club members activities which is a tremendous help, for example, when it comes to writing annual reports and future history books of our club, etc. Just a few words will do if that suits you better.

### **NEWS FROM THE COACH:** (from Gail Bowden)

What a disappointment for our Rotto swimmers - the swim was cancelled. Most have rallied and will swim in the BIG SPLASH on 17th March. We wish them fine conditions and a great swim. Coaching is now geared towards our interclub on Sunday 1st April. We will be working on our sprints, dives and form strokes. There is not a lot of time, so get training. Remember: Swim three times a week to maintain your fitness. Swim four times a week to improve it!

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF AUSSI WA AWARDED TO BOB DUNSTAN**

Sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** and a great big **WELL DONE to Bob** on receiving this well deserved and great honour. We all know how hard he has worked for our own club as Vice Captain, Captain and President, as well as instigator and Chairman of our BBB/Resolve Swim committee. Bob served as State President of AUSSI WA for 4 years and during that time he presided over such projects as:

Developing and implementing a new State Structure to streamline the management and administration. Purchase of our own State Office.

Appointment of first full-time Executive Officer.

Developing new State Swim Meet program including Club championships.

Negotiating first-ever State Swim Meet outside the metro area, held at Geraldton in 2004.

Winning rights to conduct the 1999 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Perth and serving on the Organising Committee.

The very successful National Swim Meet held in Perth in 2003.

\*\*\*\*\*Customer: I'll have four nice pork chops please. And make them lean

\*\*\*\*\*Butcher: Certainly sir. Which way?

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